

Mrs. Wanda Funderburk, the Chattahoochee Gold Star Wives Club's president, says the other veterans groups help them place 120 flags along this road. They do this twice a year, and sometimes more often.

The Chattahoochee Gold Star Wives became the first chapter in the organization to place a monument in a veterans cemetery when it erected a monument on the Fort Mitchell, Alabama veterans cemetery's Walk of Honor.

Mr. Funderburk has been with the Gold Star Wives since 1985, when her husband, a Korean War veteran died. She is one of 80 fine women who are keeping the spirit of patriotism and the memory of our veterans' sacrifices alive in Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Funderburk describes her chapter as: "We have a really nice bunch of ladies and we still believe in honoring what our husbands did, and not only our husbands, but all veterans, regardless of race, creed or color, or religion. We think there is no better way to honor our men than to raise the flag."

"I'm like a child, whenever I drive down Victory Drive and see those flags, I still get tears in my eyes," she said the other day.

That is not being a child, that is being a patriot.

TRIBUTE TO BANGOR DAILY NEWS COLUMNIST JOHN DAY

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, the long-time Washington correspondent for the Bangor Daily News retired. John Day worked for my hometown newspaper for nearly 40 years. During a distinguished career in which he filed more than 15,000 news stories, he covered municipal government in Bangor and state government in Maine's capital city of Augusta. Since 1978, John has reported on Federal issues from Washington. In that same year, he was chosen Maine Journalist of the Year by the Maine Press Association—the first time a reporter had been selected.

In addition to reporting on some of the most important national issues of the past two decades—including early, insightful stories about the Iran-Contra matter—John Day has delivered more than 1,700 opinion columns which have provided a unique perspective on the American political scene.

Knowledgeable and aggressive, John Day shared a wealth of information with generations of Bangor Daily News readers. Whether they appreciated John's viewpoint or not, they always knew where he stood. Never shy about saying what was on his mind, John inevitably gave readers something to consider.

As a Member of Congress, I have become better acquainted with John and have enjoyed the experience. John covered my father as a City Councilor in Bangor during the early part of his newspaper career in the 1960's, and concluded it covering myself and the other Members of Maine's congressional delegation at the start of a new century.

As John starts a new chapter in his life, I wish him the very best. My hometown newspaper will certainly be less colorful and it will never be the same.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CARMELA ASCOLESE KARNOUTSOS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Carmela Ascolese Karnoutsos for her dedicated service to the community of Bayonne, NJ, and for her exceptional contributions to the field of women's history. Today, Dr. Karnoutsos will be presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Bayonne Historical Society's annual Holiday Dinner Dance.

Dr. Karnoutsos graduated Magna Cum Laude from Jersey City University and received her Master's Degree and Ph.D. at New York University. She is currently Professor of History at New Jersey City University (NJCU), specializing in women's history and new Jersey history. She is the author of *New Jersey Women: A History of their Status, Roles and Images* (1997). At NJCU, Dr. Karnoutsos has served as the Chair of the History Department, as Chair of the Intercollegiate Athletic Council, and as a member of numerous committees, including the General Studies Coordinating Committee.

Dr. Karnoutsos is a charter member of Bayonne Historical Society, Inc., and has been a trustee since its founding in 1990. She has spoken at many of the society's programs and events, edited and contributed articles regarding the city of Bayonne, and recently developed the society's web sight. In addition, she recently became a member of the Bayonne's Historical Preservation Commission, which was formed in 1999.

As an important authority on the history of New Jersey, Dr. Karnoutsos presented the keynote address at the 125th anniversary of Bayonne in 1994; served as the moderator of the city's mayoral debate in 1998; and appeared in the video "What is a Freeholder? An evaluation of the Role of County Government."

Because of her dedication to the history of New Jersey women, Dr. Karnoutsos has made great contributions to the Women's Project of New Jersey, Inc., as associate editor of its publication *Past and Promise: Lives of New Jersey Women* (1990), and as a member of its editorial board.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Carmela Ascolese Karnoutsos for her exceptional contributions to the history of women and New Jersey, and for her selfless service to her community and country.

IN COMMEMORATION OF JEROME M. MILLER

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a dear friend and a loyal and devoted member of the Lauderhill, Florida community, Mr. Jerome "Jerry" M. Miller. Sadly, Jerry Miller passed away on November 1, 2000 and his guiding presence in the Inverrary community will be greatly missed.

After moving to South Florida in 1974, Jerry Miller took an active role in ensuring that the City of Lauderhill, and in particular the Inverrary community, remained a beautiful and harmonious residential area where residents could enjoy their picturesque surroundings. Jerry worked hard to ensure that as South Florida grew, Lauderhill and Inverrary would remain a pleasant and desirable place for people to live. Jerry served on several city boards where he consistently advocated for positive and aesthetically pleasing development. Similarly, as the President of the Inverrary Association, Jerry accepted nothing less than top rate planning which would enhance and improve the beauty and spirit of his community.

In one of his last great projects, Jerry took the lead in the conceptual and physical development of the Inverrary Meditation Park. These serene gardens filled with exotic fauna, chirping birds, and tropical fish ponds have become a centerpiece of the community. Here residents come to reflect on their thoughts, talk with their neighbors and enjoy the tranquility of their tropical surroundings. In this peaceful park, as in the hearts of those who knew him, the spirit of Jerry Miller's care and commitment to his community will forever be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY ANN DITTEMORE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I take this moment to recognize the accomplished life and admirable career of Betty Ann Dittmore. Betty, a former Colorado State representative, recently passed on at age 81. While her friends and family mourn her passing, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a truly amazing lawmaker—a woman who encompassed profound strength in all realms of life.

After campaigning using her initials (B.A.D.) as a slogan, Betty was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1968, becoming the first woman from Arapahoe County to be elected to the state legislature. While serving in office from 1968 to 1978, Betty engaged in one of Colorado's fiercest battles: passing Colorado's first comprehensive planning law, a feat that would not have been possible without her wit and tenacity. Throughout her time in office, she successfully climbed in leadership positions serving as minority whip and later as majority leader.

She was instrumental in creating the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, an authority that has become eminently successful in assisting the state's poor and elderly in finding reasonably priced homes. In 1980, she became an Arapahoe County Commissioner, where she was able to bring the same experience and expertise to the Board of County Commissioners that she brought to the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, there are few people in Colorado's proud history who have served as zealously and wholeheartedly as Betty. Her career was a model that every official in elected office, including myself, should seek to emulate. I know I speak for the state of Colorado when